

MANITOWOC COUNTY
LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes

Sept. 16, 2021

Chairperson Cathy Wagner called the meeting to order at 4:50 pm.

Roll Call: Cathy Wagner, Ted Hoffman, Tyler Martell and Biff Hansen were present. Bob Cavanaugh, Michael Slattery, and Jon Neils were excused.

Also in attendance were: Jerry Halverson, - Soil & Water Conservation Department and Brian Maedke – Animal & Plant Health Inspection Service.

Agenda: Motion to approve the agenda was made by Tyler Martell and seconded by Ted Hoffman. Motion carried 4-0.

Public Comment: None

Minutes: Motion was made by Biff Hansen and seconded by Tyler Martell to approve the July 15, 2021 minutes. Motion carried 4-0.

Wildlife Damages and Claims Program:

- A. **2021 Crop Prices** – Motion by Biff Hansen and seconded by Ted Hoffman to set the following crop prices for 2021: corn @ \$5.53/bushel, soybeans @ \$13.02/bushel, wheat @ \$6.70/bushel, oats @ \$4.25/bushel. Motion carried 4-0.
- B. **Program Update** – Brian Maedke informed the committee that there is proposed legislation to take the Wildlife Damage Claims program from the counties and work directly between Department of Natural Resources and Animal & Plant Health Inspection Service.

Animal Waste Management Ordinance Manure Spreading Requirements: Kieth Biese was un-able to attend the meeting. Jerry Halverson explained Kieth's concern that he no-tills and is not allowed to apply liquid manure on steep slopes without incorporation with-in 48 hours per requirements in the ordinance. Kieth vertical tilled manure into field # 13 last fall and now has some soil erosion. Keith would like a variance from the ordinance, however the County Ordinance does not allow the committee to grant variances. Committee members voiced support for the ordinance as written to reduce the risk of manure runoff to the stream and sinkhole near the field.

Cost Share Contracts/Amendments/Agreements: Motion by Biff Hansen and seconded by Tyler Martel to approve Soil and Water Resource Management Grant cost share contracts as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

Budget Review: Budget was reviewed ending July 31, 2021

Field Demonstration Day at Libertyland Farm: Cathy Wagner attended the field day on August 18th and gave a report on the three demonstration sites and the robotic milking facility on the farm. The field day was attended by approximately 125 people.

Annual Waste Ordinance Violations: No violations to report.

Department Staffing Update: Tony Smith- Resource Conservationist will be retiring on October 1, 2021 after 33 years of service with Manitowoc County.

Next Meeting: Is scheduled for November 18, 2021 at 4:45 p.m.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made by Tyler Martel and seconded by Biff Hansen at 5:55 p.m. Motion carried 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry Halverson
Department Director